

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2007**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on August 24, 2007, 09:00 a.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Steve Earles

Absent:

Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Yvonne LeSane, Application Specialist, Amanda Allen, Board Secretary, Mona Lisa Cooper, Legal Department (Intern), and Meredith Campbell, SOS/Legal Department

Administrative Staff Absent:

Pam Candler, Application Specialist

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (1) O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive information pertaining to Applications and to receive the Attorney General and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Agenda:

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late items added. None opposed, Motion carried.

Announcements:

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that Mr. Bill Crews, from the Georgia Nonpublic Post Secondary Education Commission (NPEC) had agreed to meet with the Board on September 07, 2007 to discuss the criteria required to become a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program.

Minutes:

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following Board Minutes with corrections.

June 01, June 14, June 15, June 25, (Conference Call), and June 27, June 28 and June 29, 2007.

Correspondence:

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

Julie Dornbush, Spa Sydel- What is the licensure requirements set forth by the Board in reference to provisional permits, and what can they do to help process applications that are still pending licensure?

Board Response- The Board would like to thank the writer for the correspondence; however, the Board has voted not to issue provisional permits at this time.

Holly L. Robbins – What are the requirements to become a Board approved Continuing Educational Provider?

Board Response- The Board, at this time, is not pre-approving continuing education providers; however, they recommend writer refer their program to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork for possible approval through them as a Continuing Education provider. Please view the Massage Therapy website for a list of approved providers.

Hemme Approach Publications- What are the requirements to become a Board approved Continuing Educational Provider?

Board Response - The Board, at this time, is not pre-approving continuing education providers. Please view the Massage Therapy website for a list of approved providers.

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted for the administrative staff to respond to all correspondence as discussed by the Board.

Executive Director's Report

1. Ongoing discussion:

- A proposed rule regarding a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Inactive Status application to be developed for Board approval
- Creating a link on the Massage Therapy website for the board's "policies"
- Creating a list of legislative issues that will need to be addressed during the next legislative session.
- Provisional Licensure:

Board Response: No more discussion at this time regarding a provisional license.

Applicant Interviews:

Ms. Lescak moved and Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official transcript; requiring Board appearance:

Stewart, Mark

Approved

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official transcript; requiring Board appearance:

Dupree, Carolyn W.

Approved

Ms. Lescak moved and Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official transcript; requiring Board appearance:

M.D.B.

Refer to AG – consent order

Ms. Phillips moved and Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official transcript; requiring Board appearance:

D.K.M.

Approved Pending

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official transcript; requiring Board appearance:

Pabey, Stephanie C.

Approved

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by (ATT) authorization to test national exam; requiring Board appearance:

F.F.E.

Refer to AG – consent order

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by verification from state indicating passing of a licensing examination; requiring Board appearance:

Palmer, Cyril A.

Approved

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant for licensure by official copy of local business license, employment verification, and tax returns; requiring Board appearance:

L.R.W.

Denial Stands

Educational Advisor's Report

Ms. Phillips made her recommendations to the Board for the approval of the following schools as Board Approved Massage Therapy Educational Programs.

1. The Hawaiian Islands School of Massage
2. Cayce-Reilly School of Massotherapy
3. SunCoast II
4. Heritage Institute

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Educational Advisor's Report as presented, and in addition, voted to approve the four schools listed

above as Board recognized massage therapy educational programs. None opposed, Motion carried.

Cognizant Report

Complaint #31503- Refer to Investigations.

Complaint #31504- Pending the receipt of additional information.

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant's report as presented.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, stated she did not have a formal report to present to the Board.

Enforcement Report:

No Enforcement Report was presented.

Additional Business Discussed

Mr. Donald Mundy, Division Director, addressed the Board in reference to the questions he has been receiving about the processing time for applications. He thanked the Board for their willingness to meet every two weeks to approve applications for issuance and stated he would assist the Board in any way he could.

There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____.